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SUBJECT: INTENTION OF GENRAL ANDRES RODRIGUEZ TO SUE

NATHAN ADAMS, AUTHOR OF READER'S DIGEST ARTICLE

REF: ASUNCION 2670, 2839

1. AFTER CONSIDERABLE STUDY OF FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE RELATING TO GENERAL RODRIGUEZ'S INQUIRY, THE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT EMBASSY RESPOND BY INDICATING THAT BECAUSE OF THE COMPLEXITIES INVOLVED IN THE INITIATION OF A LIBEL SUIT IN THE U.S., AS WELL AS BECAUSE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL DOCTRINE OF THE SEPARATION OF EXECUTIVE FROM JUDICIAL POWERS, THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY ARE UNABLE TO PROVIDE COMPLETE INFORMATION AS REQUESTED.

2. IN NOTE OR SEPARATELY, YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT GENERAL RODRIGUEZ RETAIN A LAWYER IN THE U.S., POSSIBLY WITH THE ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE OF THE PARAGUAYAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

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3. COMMENT: WE WANT TO APPEAR SYMPATHETIC AND CONCERNED,

AND YET DIRECT THE MATTER INTO THE CORRECT CHANNELS. THUS
WE LEAVE THE PRECISE WORDING OF THE NOTE TO YOUR BEST
JUDGMENT GIVEN THE DELICACY OF THE SITUATION ON THE LOCAL
SCENE.

4. FYI: WE WOULD NOT WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED IN A POTENTIAL
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